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The Eclipse

The Eclipse is the Aristasian term for the cultural and spiritual collapse of the 1960s in Telluria. Civilisation proper is held to have ended at this time and the Void (or the Pit) took its place. The process, obviously, was not instantaneous, and some elements of civilised life remained throughout the First Decade of Darkness (1960s) and even into the Second (1970s), among the population at large, as opposed to the mass-media. Some hold that a second Eclipse took place at about the turn of the Second and Third Decades, after which deformism and moral inversion were complete and spread rapidly to every level of the populace, leaving very little intact.

The idea of the Eclipse is based on the understanding that the post-Eclipse period is not a simple continuation from the preceding decades, but represents a radical break and a transition of society from Rajasic to Tamasic (*vide* the chapter from *The Feminine Universe* entitled The Three Gunas in History).

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